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SUBJECT: U.S. ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING EXPERT ECONOMIC
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C. CARACAS 1685

1. IN RESPONSE TO DR. GUMERSINDO RODRIGUEZ'S (HEAD OF CORDI-
PLAN) REQUEST, EMBOFFS MET WITH DR. ELY TINEO, DIRECTOR GENERAL
OF CORDIPLAN TO DISCUSS TYPE OF ASSISTANCE CONTEMPLATED FROM
DR. WASSILY LEONTIEF. TINEO SAID CORDIPLAN IS INTERESTED IN
OBTAINING EXPERTISE FROM ECONOMISTS IN VARIOUS FIELD TO ASSIST
CORDIPLAN WITH ITS RESPONSIBILITY FOR NATIONAL ECONOMIC PLANNING.
SPECIFICALLY LEONTIEF ASSISTANCE IS DESIRABLE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION
OF AN INPUT-OUTPUT MODEL THAT WOULD INCLUDE ALL MAJOR SECTORS OF
ECONOMY.

2. EMBOFFS GAVE TINEO LEONTIEF'S ADDRESSES AS PROVIDED REFTL B,
IN ORDER THAT CORDIPLAN CAN MAKE DIRECT CONTACT WITH LEONTIEF
AND WORK OUT SUBSEQUENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR VISIT HERE REALIZING
THE LEONTIEF HAS COMMITMENTS PENDING TO OTHER COUNTRIES.

3. EMBOFFS INDICATED THAT ALTHOUGH BILATERAL AID ACTIVITIES HAVE
CLOSED IN CARACAS EXCEPT FOR POLICE ADVISORS, EMBASSY ANXIOUS TO
COOPERATE IN HELPING TO MAKE CONTACT BETWEEN GOV AND AMERICAN
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ECONOMISTS. TINEO SAID CORDIPLAN APPRECIATES USG COOPERATION

IN THIS MATTER.

4. IN COURSE OF CONVERSATION TINEO EMPHASIZED HIS ECONOMIC TRAINING AT LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND MANCHESTER, WHICH WAS ALMOST IDENTICAL TO THAT OF GUMERSINDO RODRIGUEZ. EMBOFFS SOMEWHAT CONCERNED THAT NEW CORDIPLAN LEADERSHIP MAY BE SOMEWHAT HEAVY IN THEORETICAL ECONOMICS AND SOMEWHAT LIGHT IN POLITICAL PRAGMATISM AND MANAGEMENT. HOW EFFECTIVE CORDIPLAN WILL BE WITHIN OPERATION NEW GOVERNMENT WILL DEPEND TO LARGE EXTENT ON ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH NEW MINISTER OF FINANCE HECTOR HURTADO, WHO UNDER PREVIOUS AD ADMINISTRATION WAS HEAD OF CORDIPLAN AND WAS RECOGNIZED ECONOMIC LEADER IN AD FACTION OF CONGRESS, DURING COPEI ADMINISTRATION.
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